

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for Fox Valley Area Increase During August

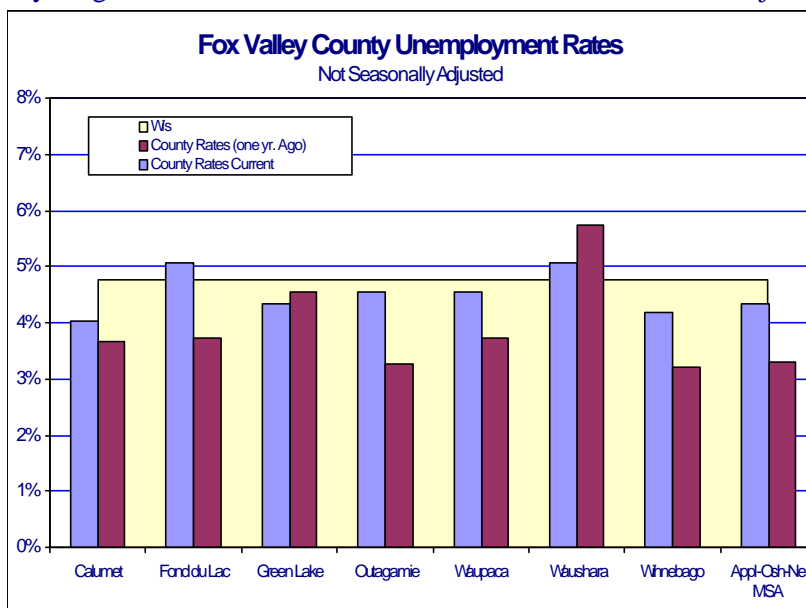
The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the counties in the Fox Valley Region increased 0.3 of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. Changes in local unemployment rates varied within the region. The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA saw their rate increase 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.9 percent. While Waushara's rate declined 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.1 percent. The rate in Waushara was down 0.7 of a percentage point from last August.

Of the five areas in the region, three posted over the month increases in their rates, one declined and one remained unchanged. Only two counties in the region had rates above 5.0 percent, these were Fond du Lac and Waushara. Both had rates of 5.1 percent.

Typically, both the number of workers in the labor force and employment levels begin to drop during August. Normally, there is a larger drop in the number of workers than the number of unemployed. This usually pushes the unemployment rate down slightly for the month. However this year, employment levels dropped faster than the labor force. This could be due to a higher need for work outside of the normal summer jobs.

Part of the decline in labor force and employment is due to students that leave their jobs during the first part of the month to return to school. This is related to the need to move into an apartment by a certain date, sports or other school activities, or an opportunity to have some free time before going back to school.

The rate for the region was 0.2 of a percentage point below the state's unadjusted rate of 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate for the state was un-



changed from last month.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment increased slightly during August. The number of jobs in the region increased by 1,300 from July. The majority of the jobs occurred in the retail sector (1,000) and in the services sector (880). Government employment was down just over 400, however this is typical for this time of year. Manufacturing employment declined another 300 jobs and is down 3,800 from one year ago. The majority of the decline in manufacturing has been in the Appleton/Oshkosh area where manufacturing is down 3,100 from last August.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
August-2002				
Civilian Labor Force	231,800	3,058,900	142,616	
Employment	220,400	2,899,400	134,474	
Unemployment	11,500	159,600	8,142	
Unemployment rate	4.9%	5.2%	5.7%	
July-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	2,400	11,000	226	
Employment	1,200	(3,700)	429	
Unemployment	1,400	14,800	(203)	
Unemployment rate	0.5%	0.4%	-0.2%	
August-2001 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	3,400	66,900	1,236	
Employment	500	43,500	66	
Unemployment	2,900	23,500	1,170	
Unemployment rate	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA remained increased 0.5 of a percentage point as it rose to at 4.9 percent in August. This compares to a rate of 4.2 percent last August.

The nation's unemployment rate dropped 0.2 of a percentage

point to 5.7 percent in August, while the rate for the State of Wisconsin increased 0.4 of a percentage point, to 5.2 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 4.8 percent, up 0.4 of a percentage point from July.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

August-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	234,400	58,500	11,100	27,800	12,500	344,300	3,089,600
Employed	224,200	55,600	10,600	26,500	11,900	328,800	2,942,900
Unemployed	10,200	3,000	500	1,300	600	15,500	146,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.3%	5.1%	4.3%	4.6%	5.1%	4.5%	4.7%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.2%
Total, all industries**	206,000	49,400	8,000	22,000	6,400	285,400	2,850,500
Construction & Mining	13,400	3,600	700	1,000	400	18,800	139,800
Manufacturing	55,800	12,000	1,700	6,200	700	75,600	577,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	9,700	2,500	300	800	300	13,300	130,000
Wholesale Trade	9,500	1,900	100	900	300	12,500	138,600
Retail Trade	35,900	9,300	1,500	4,200	1,500	50,800	514,400
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,700	1,900	300	700	200	12,600	154,600
Services	50,200	12,900	2,300	4,600	1,600	70,000	813,600
Government	21,800	5,400	1,100	3,700	1,400	31,900	382,300
Change from previous month							
Civilian Labor Force*	-900	-100	-100	-300	-200	-1,600	-27,000
Employed	-1,300	-500	-100	-500	-100	-2,400	-27,000
Unemployed	400	500	0	100	-100	800	100
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4%
Total, all industries**	1,100	300	-100	-100	0	1,300	4,300
Construction & Mining	130	50	0	0	-10	170	-500
Manufacturing	-170	-50	-30	-50	-10	-300	2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	-40	100	-10	10	0	70	800
Wholesale Trade	-30	-20	-10	0	-60	-50	400
Retail Trade	990	20	-10	10	10	1,010	2,900
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	-90	20	10	0	0	-70	-100
Services	590	300	-10	0	10	880	4,800
Government	-270	-130	0	-20	50	-430	-6,100
Change from year ago							
Civilian Labor Force*	3,100	1,800	200	700	300	6,000	65,300
Employed	500	1,000	200	400	400	2,500	43,700
Unemployed	2,600	900	0	300	-100	3,600	21,700
Unemployment rate(%)	1.0%	1.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	-0.7%	1.0%	0.6%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	1.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.7%
Total, all industries**	-2,200	800	-110	330	210	-1,200	11,000
Construction & Mining	210	300	0	80	30	590	2,500
Manufacturing	-3,100	-520	-120	-40	-10	-3,800	-13,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	150	240	0	20	-20	400	-2,200
Wholesale Trade	130	30	-10	-30	0	130	-1,000
Retail Trade	-480	-30	-40	30	50	-510	2,100
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	210	70	40	20	0	340	2,700
Services	550	720	-10	30	120	1,280	21,800
Government	140	0	20	220	40	380	-1,700

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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